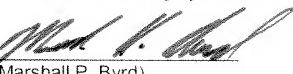


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Dear Madam:

This paper is filed (along with a Request for Continued Examination) in response to the final Office Action mailed September 18, 2008. This response is timely filed in view of the petition and fee for an extension of time filed herewith.

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